

## Gentle on My Mind by John Hartford

Banjo tuning C; CAPO 2    C 0012 Cmaj7 0002 C6 0212 Dm7 2213 Dm6 2203 Dm 2233  
Dm(maj7) 2223 G7 2003

C                    Cmaj7            C6                    Cmaj7                    Dm7    Dm6    Dm7    Dm6  
It's knowing that your door is always open and your path is free too walk  
It's not clinging to the rocks and ivy planted on their columns now that binds me  
Though the wheat fields and the clothes lines and the junkyards and the highways come between us  
I dip my cup of soup back from the gurglin' cracklin' caldron in some train yard

Dm                    Dm(maj7)            Dm7                    G7                                    C    C6    Cmaj7    C6  
That makes me tend to leave my sleeping bag rolled up and stashed behind your couch  
Or something that somebody said because they thought we fit together walkin'  
And some other woman crying to her mother 'cause she turned and I was gone  
My beard a roughnin' coal pile and a dirty hat pulled low across my face

C                    C6                    Cmaj7                    C6  
And it's knowing I'm not shackled by forgotten words and bonds  
It's just knowing that the world will not be cursing or forgiving  
I still might run in silence tears of joy might stain my face  
Through cupped hands 'round a tin can I pretend

Cmaj7                    C6                    Dm7    Dm6    Dm7    Dm6  
And the ink stains that have dried upon some line  
When I walk along some railroad track and find  
And the summer sun might burn me 'till I'm blind  
I hold you to my breast and find

Dm7    Dm6  
That keeps you in the back roads by the rivers of my mem'ry  
That you are moving on the back-roads by the rivers of my mem'ry  
But not to where I cannot see you walking on the back-roads  
That you're waving from the back-roads by the rivers of my mem'ry

Dm7                    G7                    C    C6    Cmaj7    C6    C  
That keeps you ever Gentle on My Mind.  
And for hours you're just gentle on my mind  
By the rivers flowing gentle on my mind  
Ever smilin' ever gentle on my mind